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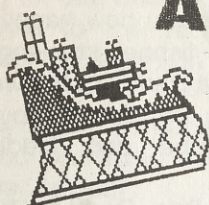
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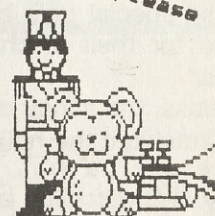
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GAY CHRISTMAS CAROL: OL' BUNSCQUEEZER SCREWGE

by
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aka Dennis McMillan

Cable TV viewers were unfortunately deprived of seeing a recent X-rated, gay adult male Christmas special on Channel 69, due to a severe storm cutting off transmission power. But the station has thoughtfully provided a synopsis of its script; "A Dickens of a Gay Christmas Carol," starring Al Parker, Jeff Stryker, Jon King and a cast of old William Higgins stars:

Scene one opens in a San Francisco Castro district hair salon where miserly Ol' Bunsqueezer Screwge is complaining to his employee, hairburner Bob Crotchitch for failing to book any appointments on Christmas day.

"But Mr. Screwge, on Christmas Eve I have twelve perms, sixteen cellophanes, twenty cuts, and a nipple piercing. Doesn't that more than make up for Christmas day?" Asked a tearful Crochitch. "Besides, I want to spend some quality holiday time with my significant other--my lover-- Tiny Tim."

"Bah, humjob," says Ol' Bunsqueezer. "Holidays are just like any other time, except we can charge a lot extra for those special do's all the queens will simply have to have for their chichi, little, festive, seasonal theme parties."

Nevertheless, the stingy old salon owner relents at last, giving Crotchitch the holiday off. Screwge r e f u s e s a n i n v i t a t i o n, however, to join Crotchitch and Tiny on Christmas day at their modest flat in lower, lower Pacific Heights (the bad side of town, but still gentrified and heavily gay-populated) for holiday cheer and a four-way.

Later that day while Screwge is diluting the peroxide solutions for the fifth time in a dastardly effort to further skimp, he suddenly sees in the mirror an image of his former, deceased business partner, Gnarly, who says, "Okay, so like, Screwge, you are totally boofoo, dude, and if you don't cool it and chill, you'll end up like I did, when I liked dropped dead of a heart attack trying to schedule too many cuts and highlights at once. I mean, man, it was totally bogus because when I went to meet my Maker, my daytimer planning book was packed with appointments but my book of good deeds was like zip, nada, zero. And now I am forced to run around the nether world wearing these really tacky chains, okay, and they're not even goldfilled. I am just so sure!"

Screwge falls to the floor, trembling in fear: "Oh, what on what am I do to avoid ending up a brainless, faggy phantom like you, Gnarly?"

Gnarly replies, "Okay, so like you'll be visited by three ghosts tonight, right? Can you, like, get behind that? Totally awesome, fer shure."

And with the last of that valley boy lingo, he disappears in a cloud of stale Chanel #5.

Screwge, wanting to avoid such gross unpleasanties, goes to bed and takes three Sleep-Eze, a valium, two quaaludes, a tablespoon full of valerian root powder, with a cup of Sleepytime Tea and Vicks Nyquil, suddenly conking out in a soporific stupor.

But as the clock strikes twelve (well...actually, it's one of those modern clocks he purchased at his local gay emporium, so it doesn't really strike but has this digital-voice alarm that purrs out in electronic lisp, "The time is twelve midnight, hon,...beep..."), Screwge is rudely awakened at the foot of his bed by a young wait a young waif of a jail-bait, boy chicken.

It is the youthful gay ghost of Christmas past dressed in black shorts and Queer Nation T-shirt, who visits Ol' Bunsqueezer and shows how happy Screwge was as a boy, hanging up fishnet stockings on the mantle with care in hopes that Daddy Claus would soon be there, filling the stocking with lots of toys (mostly rubber and latex) and lube and kiddie (porn) magazines.

"I was such a happy little Daddy's boy, then, "Screwge sadly laments. And with that, the X-rated Xmas Past ghosts vanishes in a slick of Crisco.

Then the gay ghost of Christmas Present appears, his body all wrapped up in condoms and rubber dams, giving to Screwge a vision of Crotchitch and Tiny Tim highly aroused and madly punching numbers on their phone, calling 976-SLUT and ultimately finding a third player for their holiday orgy--an incredibly gorgeous, GQ, hung hunk of a guy.

"I could have come to their party and played with that hot stud," Ol' Bunsqueezer whines, as the ghost of 976-XMAS Present takes off leaving the fading sound of a busy signal behind.

Last of all, the gay ghost of Christmas Future in a neon and aluminum jumpsuit appears and shows a vision of Screwge desperately filling out personal ads for the Hot' n Horny section of the local gay rag. "Mature, hot top with swimmer's build seeks ripe, young flesh for another in a series of empty, meaningless affairs," he writes, as he shrieks in horror.

Because, looking in the mirror Screwge sees his reflection: as far as the mature part is concerned, he is wrinkled and aged to the point where total immersion in Oil of Olay and Porcelana Liver-spot Cream couldn't help; and regarding the swimmer's build, he's so obese that the closest he resembles a swimmer would be if Moby Dick the whale; and he's hot all right, from continuous, male-menopausal hot flashes. This is one, major, vile, ugly old troll.

"What can I do to avoid becoming such a pathetic loser?" he pleads with his ghostly host of futurology

Unfortunately the gay ghost of Christmas Future is extremely shallow and superficial. He suggests with a tone of total ennui, "Join a gym, moisturize, get a hair

weave, have your colors done, go for liposuction, buy a Mercedes, get your hair salon interior redecorated, go for track lighting, aluminum Levolors, Italian leather furniture...."

Suddenly in a cold sweat, the sleeping Screwge awakens absolutely startled, realizing it was all just a horrible nightmare, induced by the combination of nighttime sleeping potions he had earlier ingested.

"It's not too late!" he exclaims excitedly, dressing and noticing his still attractive nude body in the mirror. Grabbing his charge cards he dashes off to Saks, Nieman's, Gucci's and Mr. Ell's House of Leather and Toys. "Wrap it up and charge it," he shouts gleefully to all the sales clerks. "Except the butt plug. I'll wear it home."

The final scene shows Screwge at the home of Crotchitch and Tiny Tim. lavishing them with his opulent array of holiday presents.

"And the best gift of all," Screwge says. I'm paying for that badly needed operation for Tim. I'm sending him to the very finest of sexual cosmetic surgeons for implants and extenders. He won't be TINY anymore!"

"Bless us all, screams Crotchitch, ripping off his clothes and promising everybody a Christmas goose they'll never forget!!

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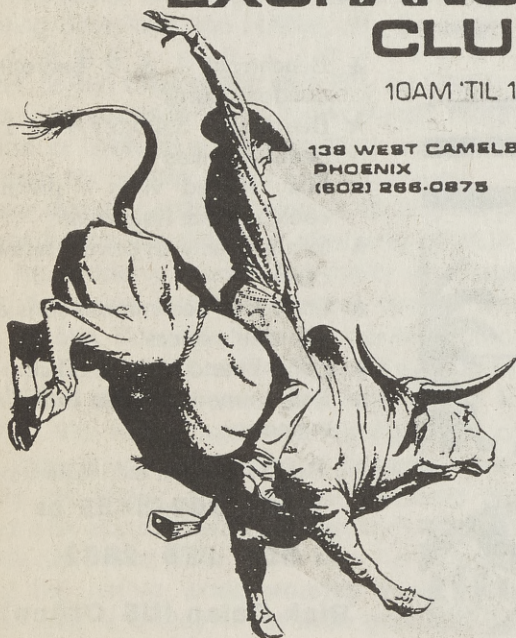
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By Lee Horner

I just settled two rather large cases recently and rather than come home and read appellate court cases relating to them, I found myself looking for something on the tube.

That was my first mistake.

See, I can't just watch these dumb TV shows---I have to add my editorial comment (actually LA Law is my favorite)

So I came across one of those "wanted -- dead or alive" badguy shows. Have you seen them? Someone kidnapped his own kid and left the area; someone is accused of burglary/bank robbery/murder, you name it, and they're wanted.

If you've been following this column much you know about my position on "trial by media". Newspapers will convict someone of a crime long before it even gets in front of a judge. Ditto the televised media.

Well this show was absolutely the worst, and I have since tuned in again and found it to be consistent--I'll say that for them.

First, you have this poor duck that "police say" did the crime. Then they reenact the dastardly deed for the camera, spice it up with "the prosecutor believes that..." and "the victim believes Mr. X did it and he is wanted by the authorities..." all adding up to trail, judgement, sentencing and hanging of this poor citizen in the space of less than two minutes.

Where's the due process, here? Where's the right to confront adverse witnesses? What happened to presumed innocent until PROVEN guilty? People, you can't prove someone guilty of a crime just because the police "believe" something happened a particular way. All this surmise and supposition stuff may be entertaining to some (seems like a lot of people DO watch these shows) but as one who has been an advocate of constitutional rights being guarded and insisting that the authorities abide by these rules, I find the shows repulsive.

Now, take LA Law. That show is entertainment. Not reality as far as courtroom scenes are concerned--my two hounds will tell you about all the "objections" I make to all the compound questions, all the arguing with witnesses, all the irrelevant interrogation, witness leading and all of the three-ring circus behavior that these tv judges let everyone get away with. You try those tactics in this town and you'll wind up in the can--that's at's reality. But I find the show so ridiculous that it's actually entertaining for me to watch. Does that make any sense?

One thing that I have heard is that this show, unrealistic as it may be in some respects, does give us some insight into how the large law firms conduct their business--again with a real dose of fantasy thrown in for good measure. But it is also contributing to the increasing numbers of applicants for law school.

I'm all for education and part particularly would encourage anyone thinking of law studies to go for it. Even if you never take the bar exam it's an excellent background for just about anything--particularly since we're all involved in legal issues all the time. And I have an open door policy for anyone wanting to discuss the possibility of law school, too so feel free to make an appointment if that's of interest.

Just don't sign up because you think it's like LA Law. We'll talk again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,
Please, if you have loved ones that cannot be with you, ask them to help you. At 3 P.M., California time, toast to friendship and love and in the last 16 years I have found at one moment Christmas day all friends and family are together.

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Divorce: lesbian/gay style
by

Stevie Bryant and Demian, Ed.D. 1990

When Denmark legalized marriage for lesbian and gay male couples last year, it also created same-sex divorce. It's too early to judge the endurance of Danish couples, and no one keeps divorce, or breakup, statistics for same-sex couples in America. But with or without the legal structures of marriage and divorce, gay and lesbian couples manager to make and break no less significant relationships.

Surveys typically find about half of all gay and lesbian adults in relationships. Of course, some of the singles are surely on the rebound from duos, and many of the coupled partners are making a second or third go at "marital" bliss. Not unlike their heterosexual neighbors.

It is difficult to get a clear picture of broken relationships in the gay community because there has never been a clear understanding of the millions of committed, working relationships. Even within the lesbian and gay community, same-sex couples have remained largely invisible. For many couples, it's a healthy response to the very real threat of violence or lost jobs. Until recently, gay couples have retreated to quiet, hidden family lives. But change is on the horizon.

The 1990 U.S. Census included an "unmarried partners" category- designed to study heterosexual couples- that inadvertently will allow the first official count and analysis of same-sex couples. Not all couples will feel safe enough to come out to the government, but many will.

For now, the largest body of data on gay and lesbian couples is from a national survey undertaken in 1988 by Partners Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples, which collect 1,749 responses from American lesbians and gay men, representing 1,266 couples. While the survey respondents averaged only 35 years old, the female couples averaged five years together, while the men had lasted seven years on the average. More than 100 couples passed their 15th anniversary. One lesbian couple had spanned 43 years, and three male couples had lasted more than 40 years.

While women had shorter relationships, both male and female respondents had spent about 11 total years in current and former relationships. The average partner had experienced slightly more than

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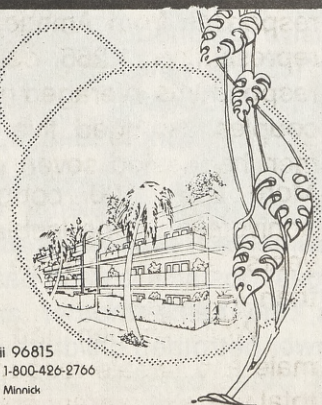
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one "previous major gay/lesbian relationship," and therefore a divorce of sorts.

But are these relationships and their dissolution really comparable to legal marriage and divorce? For instance, marriage has a distinct, legal beginning and end. Gay couples lack such clear signposts. Instead, they mark anniversaries variously according to their first meeting, the day they first shared sex, or when they set up a joint household. More recently, some same-sex couples have adapted the classic wedding ceremony to serve as a more distinct and public acknowledgement of commitment. In the survey, 19 percent of the women and 11 percent of the men had held a ceremony.

Now at issue is how to go beyond symbolism to legal recognition. Three existing legal avenues help secure some of the protections that are automatic with marriage. Wills allocate estates. Powers of attorney assign the right to act on behalf of an incapacitated partner. Partnership (or living together) agreements define terms of the relationship, including how it will be ended, if necessary.

Gay divorce often amounts to destroying, or redrafting, these documents. Of course, these legal agreements go only so far. Issues such as social security, child custody, and taxation are beyond their purview.

Couples and courts aren't the only ones to have grappled with definitions. More than a dozen cities now recognize "domestic partnerships" of city workers -- normally gay or unmarried heterosexual relationships certified by affidavit. These cities extent to domestic partners some or all of the benefits granted to spouses of legally married workers, including medical insurance. A growing number of business offer similar plans.

But all the paperwork in the world can't make relationships last and thrive. In the final analysis, gay and lesbian couples face all of the challenges that straight couples do: inadequate communication, broken agreements, reruns of abusive childhoods. Any couple, gay or straight, will tell you that good, rewarding relationships require hard work.

Yet the work load is much heavier for gay men and lesbians. Too often they enter relationships with personal problems resulting from a (well documented) experience of oppression. Often, the biggest obstacle is each partner's immediate family. Yes, the same mother and father who usually shower betrothed children with blessings, presents, and other tangible and intangible support can become virtual home wreckers. Respondents to

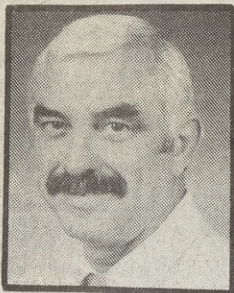


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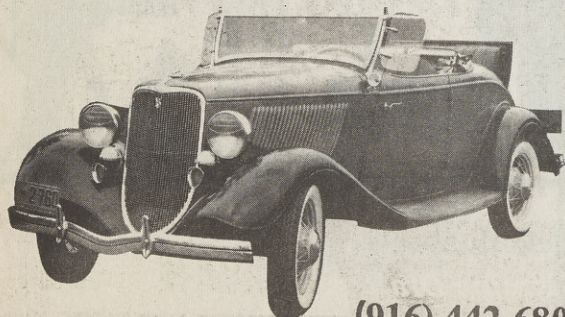
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the survey found only the church less supportive than parents. In fact, they named relates the third greatest challenge to their relationship.

Add to this insult further injury from the community at large. Shockingly, 71 percent of the couples surveyed had encountered some form of discrimination as a couple. Discrimination was rampant in the areas of employment benefits, taxes, insurance, family memberships and banking. Some couples hadn't even bothered to ask for equal treatment.

Even the gay community has been slow to recognize families in their midst. As one woman put it, "Gay friends I haven't seen in a while ask if we're still together - not "How are you doing?"

But the situation is changing as gay activists find themselves settling down into visible relationships. In fact, they now see recognition for same-sex unions as a way to reclaim family issues from the right-wing.

The gay community is also recognizing the economic logic of marriage in a society that subsidizes some types of families but not others. Job benefits alone can amount to more than \$50,000 in extra payments to married employees over the course of a career.

Precisely because gay leaders want to challenge the myth that lesbian and gay relationships don't last, gay divorce is not a popular topic. For on thing, it strikes many observers as one of the uglier sides of heterosexual marriage that the gay community would do well to eschew.

But same-sex couples experience the disruption of divorce, whether or not they are married. They face the gender-blind pain of separation. They divide property and face awkward moments with mutual fiends. Some also lose contact with children of "in-laws" they have grown to love.

Marriage is serious business, with responsibilities that not all gay men and lesbians value. Like heterosexuals, some want nothing to do with legal marriage.

Marriage probably would change much about the survey respondents personal interaction -- they already behave like married couples. But it would change the world around them, making their lives easier, and dissolution less likely.

So if "pro-family" legislators want to strike a blow to divorce, they can start by legalizing gay marriage.

Life partners Stevie Bryant and Demian have been together 10 years. They jointly edit and publish Partners Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Results of Partner's national survey are featured in the May/June 1990 issue, available for \$3.95. A year's subscription of six issues cost \$21.00. Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. (206) 784-1519.

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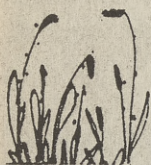
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by
Ken Gorczyca

Felis domesticus and those deadly claws

Felis domesticus, or our domestic cat, has continued to gain much popularity since its domestication in ancient Egypt. Today, in the United States, cats outnumber dogs as animal companions. In order to improve the human-feline relationship, it is important to discourage behaviors that are not consistent with your lifestyle. One of the most controversial feline behaviors is the use of its retractable claws.

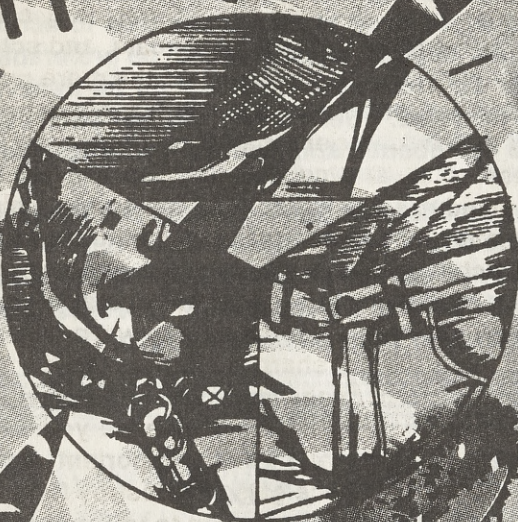
Your typical mild-mannered cat can do as much damage to your home and body with its claws as a large dog can with its teeth. Scratching a specific tree is a natural behavior of wild cats, and scratching our furniture is the equivalent for the more urbanized feline. Many outdoor cats have a scratching tree, which becomes a personal territorial marker. In the process of scratching, the cat also rubs secretions from glands in their feet onto the trunk, which acts as chemical territorial marker for other cats.

Scratching also has the function of manicuring the claws. Cats' claws grow in layers or sheaths. Scratching pulls off the frayed and worn outer sheath leaving a new, very sharp claw underneath. Clawing is natural, healthy behavior and is not something that the cat does to "punish" or displease you.

Behavior modification is an important part of cat companionship. Since cats can destroy furniture and curtains, cats should be taught to utilize a scratching post early on. Not all scratching posts are equally acceptable. Most cats like posts that are large enough for them to stand up on their hind legs and stretch out on as they claw. Make sure the post is stable. A scratching board six to eight inches wide and 12 to 16 inches long attached to the wall can be preferable to a free-standing post. The material on the post should be something that the cat likes. Most commercial posts are covered with carpet which, surprising, can be too durable. Cats prefer coverings that become worn out and stringy, because their claws can get a nice long drag.

Remember, once a cat starts scratching an object, it tends to return to it. If your cat has already developed this nasty habit, you can still try to convert your friend to a post. Cover the original scratching spot with an unappealing covering such as plastic or aluminum foil and place the post in the same vicinity as the preferred scratching spot. Gently knead your cats front paws on the new material to try and get his odor on it. You may also temporarily move the furniture. Once your cat is using the post, gradually move it to a more convenient location.

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Declawing a cat involves general anesthesia and removal of the last joint of each toe. Possible complications include reactions to anesthesia, hemorrhage, abnormal regrowth of nails or infections, but are rare especially if the surgery is done correctly and in younger animals. One area of controversy is the effect of declawing on a cat's behavior. Recent studies, however, have indicated that declawed and intact cats show no difference in serious behavior problems such as biting people or house soiling. Thus, while behavior modifications should be used to encourage cats to scratch on the proper objects, declawing can be preferable to losing your cat from your household if its behavior cannot be modified. Before you declaw your cat, read all you can about it and discuss it with your veterinarian.

Ken practices at San Francisco Pet Hospital and has a Tibetan Terrier named Igor and a cat named Morticia. He has special interest in the human-animal bond, animal behavior and diseases that can be transmitted from animal to people.

"IF MY LOVE"

By Harvest McCampbell

*if my love could
draw you back across
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INTIMACY

A somewhat puzzled question asked by a friend led me to give some thought to the issue of intimacy. What is it? Who has it? Is it desirable? How can we get it if we do not have it?

As I often do, I turned to Webster to find that the first meaning of the root word, intimate, is "belonging to or characteristic of one's deepest nature." Thus, to know intimacy would mean to share with another that which is of the deepest, most fundamental--and I would say-- most clearly spiritual, with another being.

Who amongst us is willing to even discover or come to know that profound dept of ourselves, much less to share it with another? Perhaps we don't really want to be "intimate" at all!

There are other meanings, so perhaps it might be one of these that my friend was seeking...close association, contact, or familiarity; warm friendship developed through long association; and finally "of a very personal or private nature."

Thus, intimacy may be defined as something which ranges from the sharing of our deepest nature, our spirituality, or basic impulses and desires at one and through close or long term association, to friendship at the other.

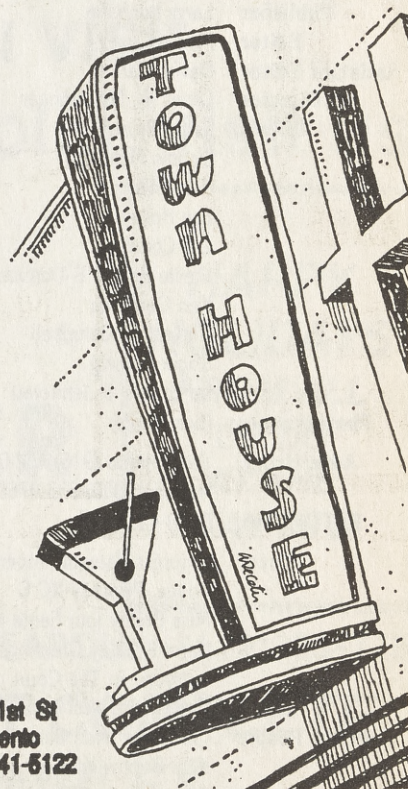
That does seem to suggest some guidelines. To have a splendid and earthshaking one-time sexual encounter with a dream man or woman would not be likely to offer an experience of intimacy. Neither would a life-long relationship with someone from whom it has been found necessary to conceal great parts of oneself, or to hold back warmth and closeness. There is no "intimacy" in relationships or whatever duration, unless there is the development of trust, the emergence of true familiarity--the knowing of the strengths and weaknesses of each other while yet retaining affectionate regard and closeness. If we are intimate with a spouse or lover or child or parent, it would seem that we have held back few or no "secrets." In intimacy there is openness, honest, trust. There is a willingness to know and to be known.

There is, one can see, a certain amount of "risk" involved in moving toward intimacy with anyone. Hence, the number of persons with whom one becomes truly intimate is restricted; indeed, for many

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becomes truly intimate is restricted; indeed, for many of us, partnered or single, there may be no intimate relationships at all. We self-sufficiency and independence are viewed as virtues--particularly for the male of the species. I recall what seemed to me a most tragic line spoken by one man married with children, and working two jobs so he can support his family so his wife won't have to work, says, at one point: "The way I see it, a man is lucky if he has one friend in his lifetime." males in our culture. I cannot speak for females, but I would not be surprised to hear them echo this theme--or, hopefully, to up the number from one to "two or three."

Intimacy, then, is not easily or readily achieved, with one, or with any number of people. Our disposition is to "hold back", to keep most of ourselves "in reserve" to be sure that nobody knows enough about us to really know us. Sadly, most of us have in some way "adjusted" to this and simply do not expect--or may not

even any longer seek--any level of true intimacy.

We may perhaps have too readily accepted this situation as "how it is" or even worse, come to be convinced that to be intimate is to be "at risk" and simply not worth the potential threats to personal integrity and individual welfare to which it would open us.

It is my view that this is a tragic situation. It seems to leave us living merely on the surface of things. Oh, we have our jobs, our careers, and those of us who choose marriage have spouses and children and mortgages. We may even have Mercedes' or BMW's or a beach house at the seashore. But without intimacy, we have lost contact with our souls--with our deepest nature.

I have the possibly radical idea that the sexual connection between to loving human beings is potentially the most intimate encounter possible to us while embodied, and that the sexual act--man with woman, or man with man or woman with woman--when coming as a full expression of love, is the nearest experience to knowing our God or Buddha-nature that we can have on earth plane.

Yet, we've grown up in a culture that treats sex as something that should be very much "hush-hush", or something that is dirty; or something that should be done when it must--for conceiving children--and nothing more. Or at the other extreme, as a hot and flagrant "proof" of our liberation and our skill at "making it" in the total fullness of our libidinous impulses. We are damned if we do and damned if don't, and thus sex, the greatest single potential for true intimacy, gets lost in the shuffle, in the confused beliefs that surround sexuality and the sexual act.

In truth sex is a sacrament and a fulfilling of our deepest nature, and when it is recognized as such and celebrated as such, it brings the nearest experience of re-connection with God of any human activity.

Thus, I would suggest that to know true intimacy, it is necessary to come to terms with our sexual nature--not as a nuisance, not as an end-all be-all of "making out" but rather as the highest and most reverential expression of our true being, our deep nature, our spiritual selves!

Can there, then, be true intimacy without sexual connection? The answer must be a "Yes," but it can only be with a full awareness and recognition of the sexual thread that runs through all of our lives and all of our relationships. Its is only a choice. To achieve the highest levels of intimacy we purposefully elect to reserve our full sexual expression to our own mate. None of this to deny the sexual perfume that permeates all truly intimate relations, but rather to choose it in its richest form.

To be intimate, then, is a supreme achievement, an incredibly passionate and spiritual space or condition. We who are blessed with a monogamous relationship with a mate and who also have a rich and wide variety of close and intimate friendships are indeed among the exalted of this earth. Might that each of use seek out this as a goal and aspiration. To have "intimate

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relations" is an outcome devoutly to be wished!

For most of that, the achievement of that will entail some significant rethinking and re-working of our notions about sexuality, and, in particular, about our sexuality! We are sexual beings, and we deny that to our peril. May we move to embrace it and elevate it to the position of true and rich spirituality that it properly deserves.

(Ralph Walker welcomes comments at P.O. Box 556, Sussex, NJ 07461)

**PALM SPRINGS AND THE DESERT
RESORTS/WELCOME TO THE GAY AND LESBIAN
MECCA OF NORTH AMERICA**

by Ira Gruber and
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Editors

Palm Springs and The Desert Resort communities have long been called the "gold capital of the world", the playground of the stars", and now "America's Gay Paradise". And any visitor to the Desert would agree, the Palm Springs area is all this and more. As oasis in the heart of southern California's desert, and just two hours from

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But the big attraction for the gay or lesbian traveler is, of course, the sun... and there is lots of it! Just imagine 7,500 swimming pools, 500 tennis courts and nearly 80 golf courses. Mind boggling, isn't it? The desert also boasts a thriving arts and culture community, with almost 100 art galleries, many of them concentrated on Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs and El Paseo Drive in Palm Desert. The Palm Springs Desert Museum has one of the country's best collections of Western art, and offers traveling exhibitions, concerts, natural history exhibits and lectures all year.



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The annual Jazz Festival in La Quinta and the Desert Dixieland Jazz Festival in Cathedral City are part of growing music scene in the desert. Nightlife offers something for everyone, from live disco to live comedy. There are actually five gay bars and two gay discos as well as two gay piano bars, seven gay restaurants and one gay health club.

All of this is within easy reach of the traveler. The Palm Springs Regional Airport, which serves all nine resort communities in the Coachella Valley, recently completed a \$3.2 million renovation and expansion program. Although Alaska Airlines is the air carrier of our choice to this desert oasis, seven major carriers serve the airport, providing 77 weekly departures, including nonstop service to 24 hub cities in the United States and Canada. Located just two miles from the Palm Springs Convention Center and the heart of downtown Palm Springs, the airport provides easy access to the city's major hotels, excellent restaurants, movie theaters and world-class shopping. There are 25 gay lodgings to choose from. Your best bet is to check into those Palm Springs lodgings who are advertisers in SGN.

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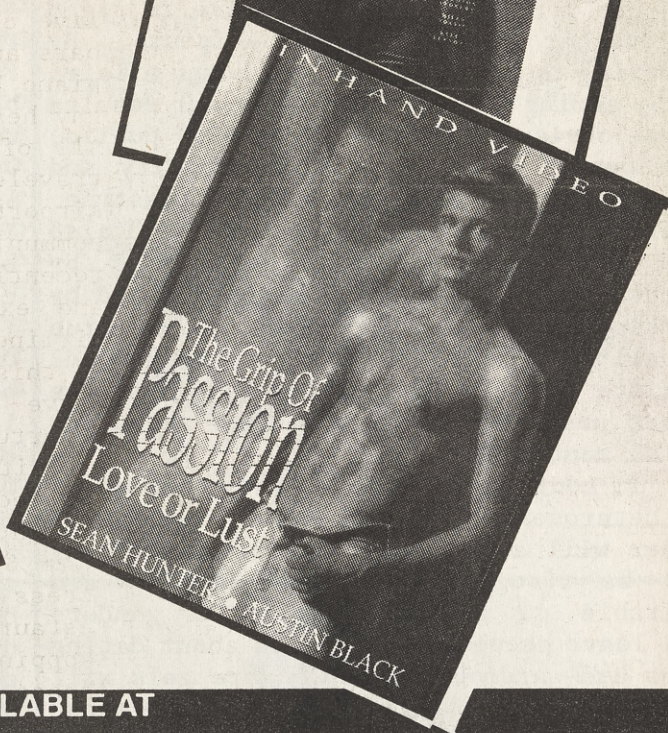
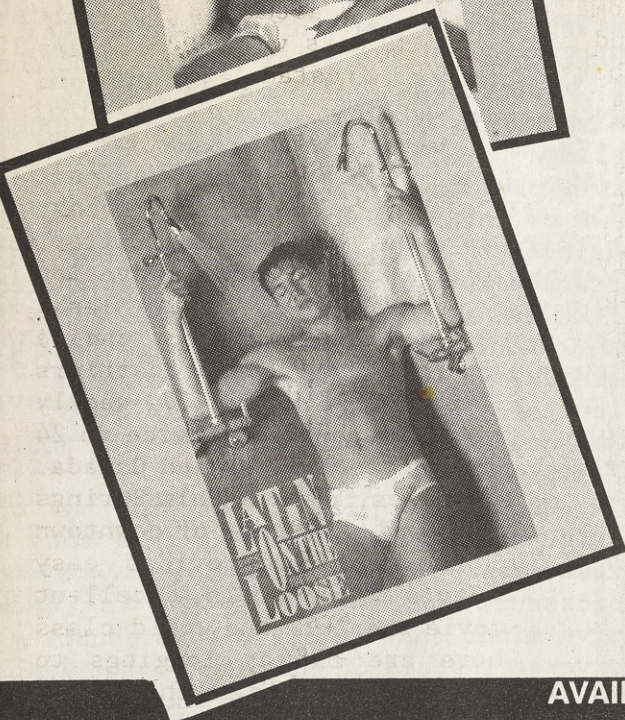
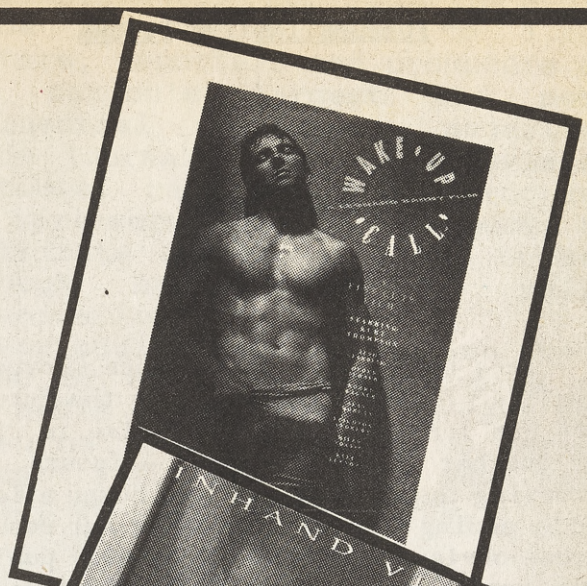
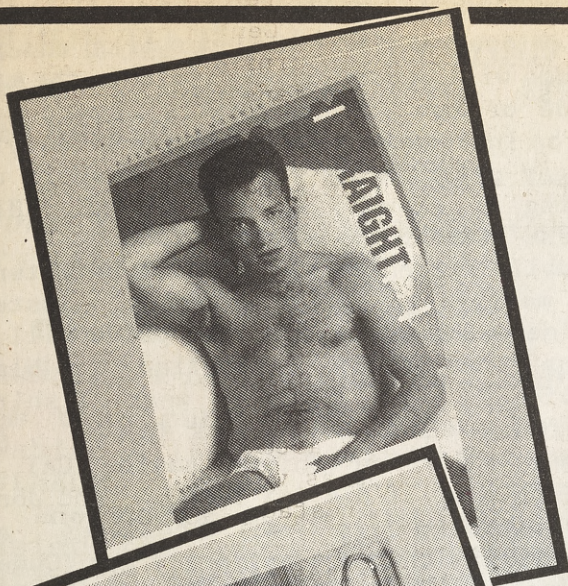
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Cat Comiskey

It's been forty years since George Orwell's prophetic glimpse into the future. 1984 has long passed and the time is right for another forecast into the future. By surveying the current state of human affairs and by adding a futuristic twist our results become obvious. Within the general public, more people will claim homosexuality and bisexuality as an alternative lifestyle. Politicians and other public icons will also step carefully out of the closet by abandoning fake, arranged marriages and by speaking more candidly about their true sexuality. People like Geraldo and Pee Wee, Brigitte and Zsa Zsa will burst from the closet unscathed because a more accepting social mentality.

In addition to a more ready embrace of non-heterosexuality, the whole concept of gender will swing full circle. Androgyny will be recognized as both healthy and desirable. A general blending of genders will leave people less anxious about dating rites and wardrobe choice. More gals will freely twist off their own beer bottle caps, and more guys will opt to wear handsome holiday kilts.

We'll also witness a greater frequency of gay programming. Gay networks and gay sitcoms will appear commonly within the next decade or two. Consequently, every home will be introduced to alternative lifestyles and gay programming will give a whole new meaning to shows like ALL IN THE FAMILY and THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Public awareness will also be heightened by a massive gay pride movement. Instead of a mere annual parade, gay pride will be demonstrated daily. Similar to black individuals who proudly wear T-shirts announcing BLACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, gay persons will don shirts saying GAY BY PREFERENCE or IT'S A GAY THING. (And don't be surprised to see colleges and universities that are primarily gay (Queens College in New York will have some explaining to do).

The number of gay businesses and gay corporations will escalate as will the number of gay churches (like THE CHURCH OF THE ETERNAL QUEEN and O FAG ON HIGH). Many gay organizations will parallel pre-existing straight ones. In lieu of THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, for example, gays will be active in THE SQUIRES OF MIDTOWN.

Until then, we'll attempt to open rigid, traditional minds so that they may expand enough to take in more of the homosexual world. We'll try to educate naive minds that perceive homosexuality as perverse instead of just one of the healthy options that contemporary society offers. And besides, who'd want to be straight anyway?

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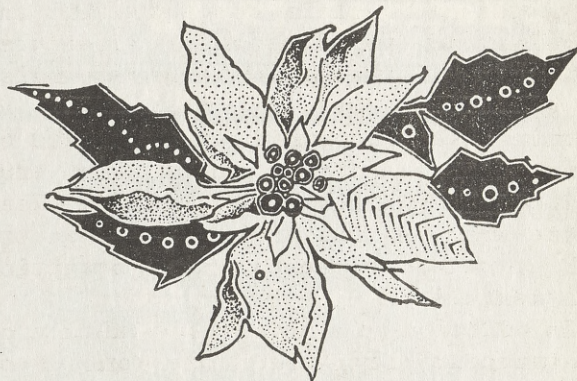
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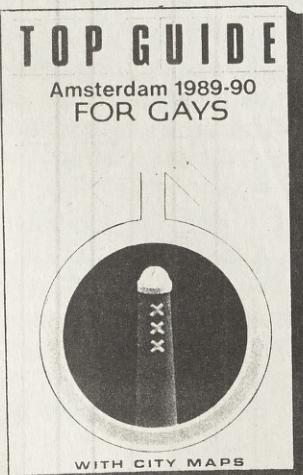
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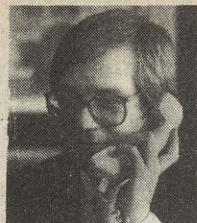


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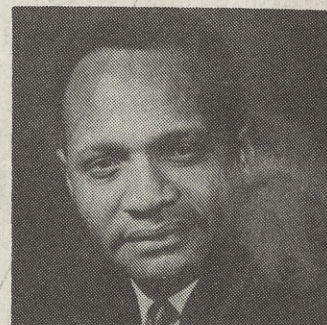
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Views From
River City



Well, I don't have to tell you but, we are at the time of year again when diets be damned, inhibitions unleashed. The season where non one is a fool always, but everyone some times. When it's better to give than to receive. Yes, that time of the year where we take inventory of ourselves, new ambitions, new aims. When warmth and love should be renewed. Warmth and love are always in constant repair, or should be. Yes, it's Christmas-time again. **ENJOY!** A few highlights from last month (The Main One). "The Fairy Godfathers Fundraiser Event" The Counting of the Jug" for your information: The jug contained, \$370.20. Sunny brought in a long neck Chianti bottle full of coins; it contained \$83.18. Martin (Film For Days) in memory of Johnny, brought in a box of money; it contained \$91.00, but good ole Martin made it an event \$100.00. John Lovejoy donated \$40.00. Willis donated \$400.00. There were other random donations bringing the total up to \$1,065.00 But thats not all: Stop the presses! one of our favorite customers told Lakish that he would like to donate toward the fund at a later date. Kish said sure, we would appreciate it. Now tell me, how many people

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Thanksgiving dinners. That was a beautiful gesture on all of your parts. This is a Community at work. That's the way it should be. Now for your enjoyment and pleasure, this is what's coming up in December: **FACES:** Two great shows: one, Dec. 7th (Tora.) Stacey presents a special Christmas show. Donation: One toy or \$3.00 at the door. The second show will be Thursday Dec 13th. The performing artists of Sacramento presents: The Second Annual Bride Christmas, 7 til 9 PM, \$3.00 donation at the door. Your host Robbin and our dearly beloved Rob, as Santa Claus, HO Still at Faces: Their annual Disney Christmas party December 16th. Starting at 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M> free buffet, free entertainment, Santa Claus FORMAL ATTIRE REQUIRED. **FACES:** New Years Eve Party. This is a Hoot. Midnight champagne/Pupus, party favors. A

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stop and drop in a toy. You got it? **GOOD** Speaking of the Town House, December 3rd, the Midtown Business Association is having their first annual Christmas dinner. December 9th an evening with Empress Vanna. Its a party. Sunday, December 23rd: The Townhouse second annual Christmas party benefit performance, special guest (to be announced) Check with the Townhouse for time. They are having a big New Years Eve blast too! Plus a New Years Day (brunch). The Town House throughout the holidays and always.. Check it out. The Buffalo Club, is having an old fashion Christmas party, Saturday December 22, starting at 7:00 P.M. They also have drink specials throughout the week. Wait till you see what they have done to the Bar. What a resurrection. Looking Good, Shirley! Bobbette and Ernie (Medrc) are back for the eight time with their annual Christmas party Tuesday Dec. 18th. This is a benefit for the MCC Christmas basket and toys for the needy. Starting at 4:00 P.M., food fun and entertainment; donation: canned food, toys

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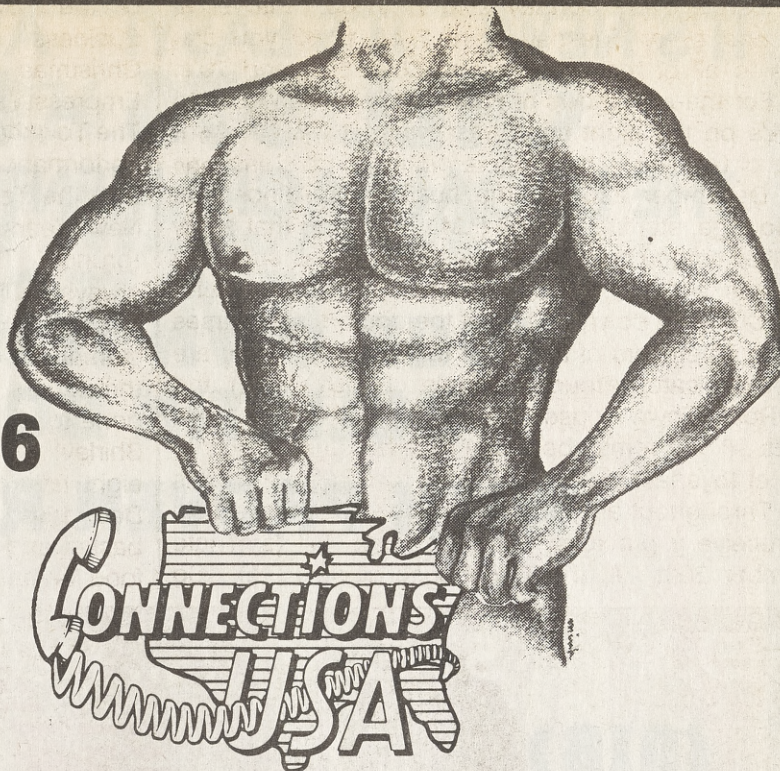
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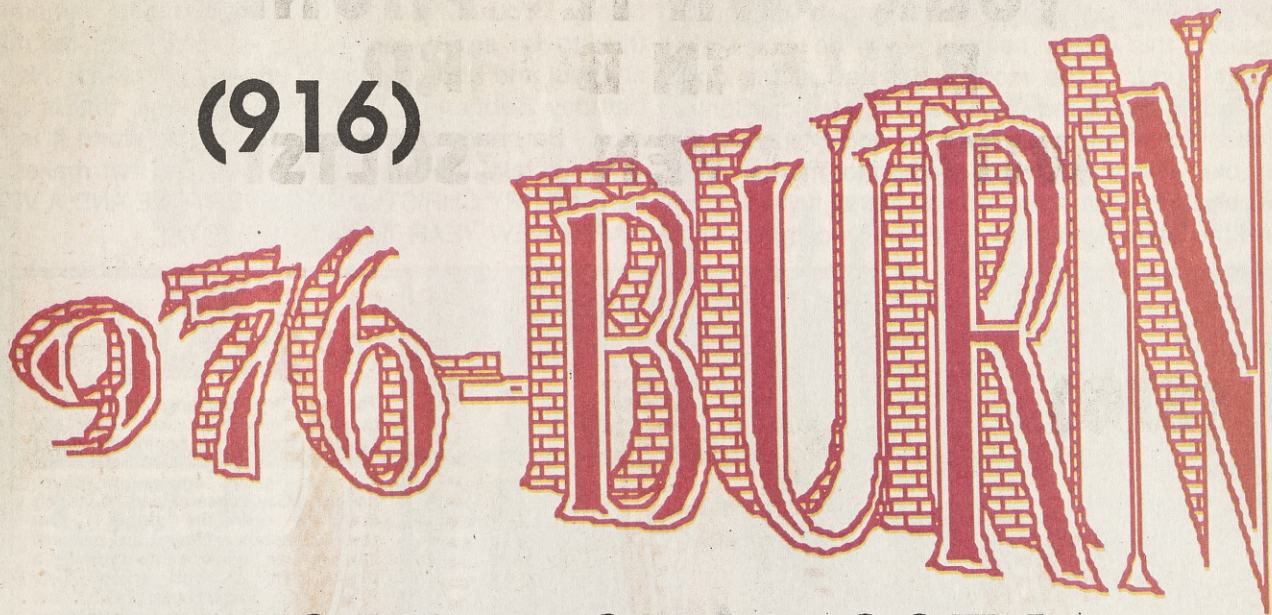
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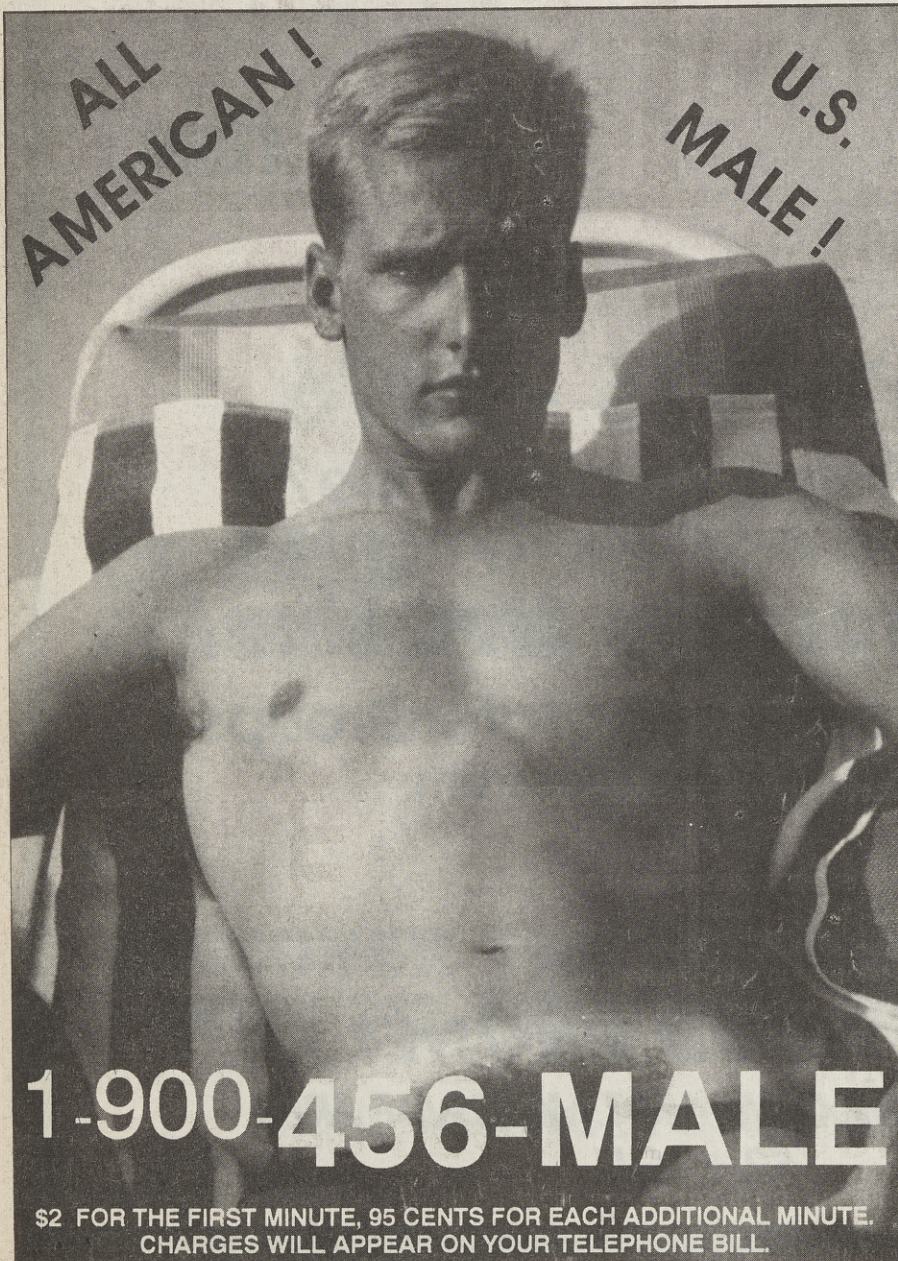
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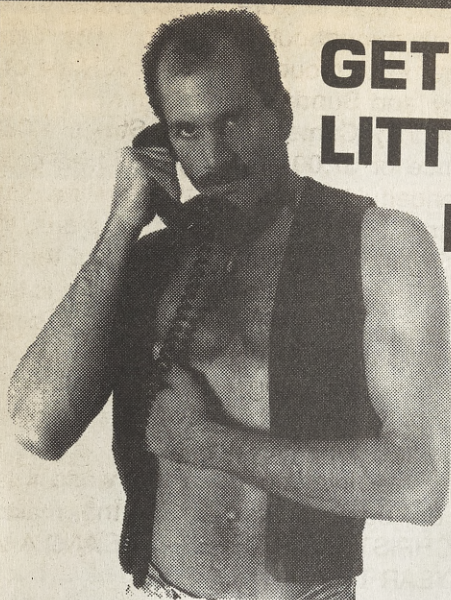


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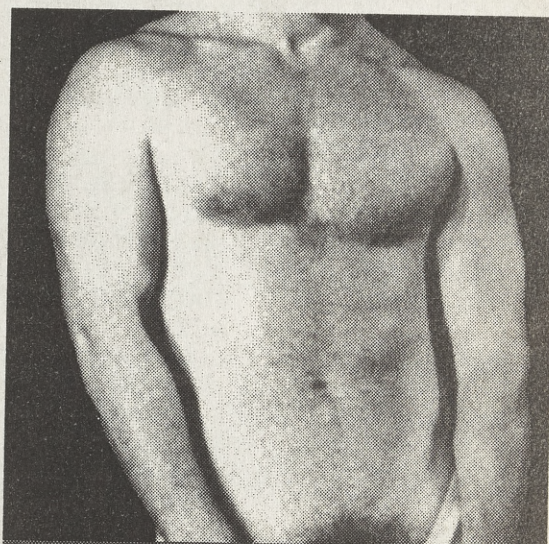
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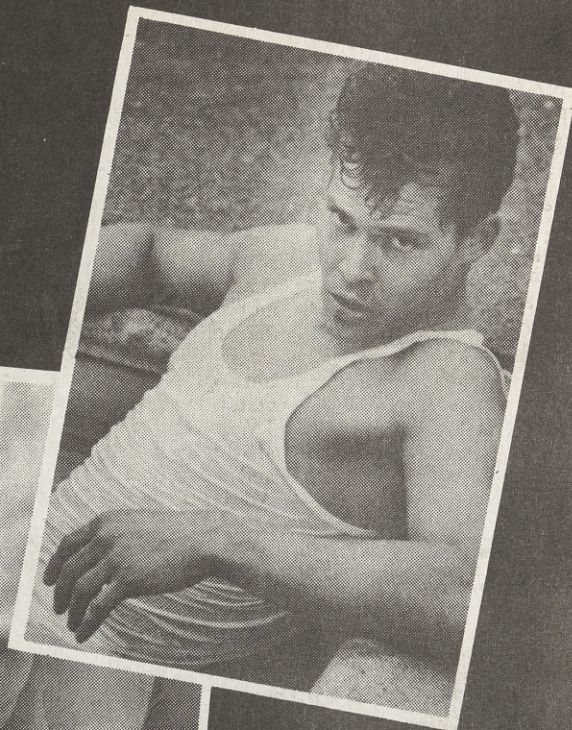
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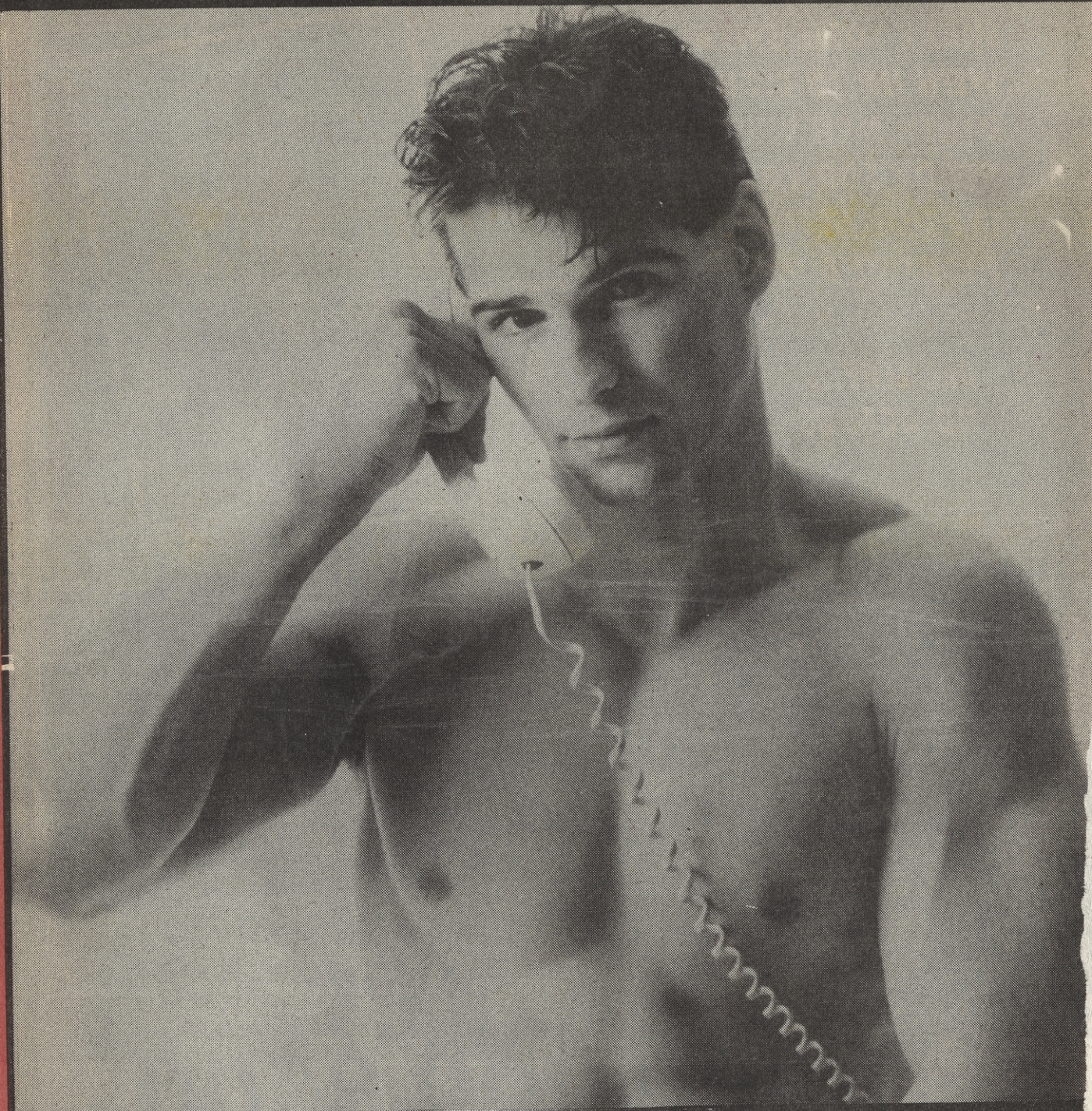
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